Book crooks turning hardbacks into greenbacks

By Gracie Catchings
News Editor

Every year Jacksonville State University Bookstore and Jacksonville Bookstore on the square have to deal with stolen textbooks. Apparently, it's a common occurrence for people to steal students’ books and sell them back for cash.

"The police started coming here looking for stolen books," said Randall Stephens, manager of the JSU Bookstore. "We became concerned, so we started talking about how we can help students prevent their books being stolen, and if they are stolen, how we can help recover the books."

When books are stolen, the bookstores are put on alert. At the store on campus and on the square, the staff do their best to check incoming books for identifying marks.

"Generally when we have people call and report they’ve had a book stolen, we take down all the information—their name, what books are missing, anything we can find out about the book to identify it's theirs," said Cindy Turner, manager of Jacksonville Bookstore.

The stolen book situation starts about a month into classes, according to Turner. The end of the semester is also prime time to sell stolen books, Stephens said. That is when people can get the most money for the books.

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New ticket policy may have graduating Seniors picking favorites

By Gracie Catchings
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The crowds push forward against the shaky railings and pile up 30 feet deep. People fight for standing room only and crane their necks to see above the throng. This is not the latest Pearl Jam concert; it's graduation at Jacksonville State University.

In order to prevent fire marshal warnings, Faculty Senate President Dr. Kelly Gregg said, each graduating student would receive 10 tickets in the mail to distribute among friends and family. Although Gregg said it’s nice to see people from the community attend graduation, he’s not sure if it’s really necessary.

"Last graduation, in the faculty section, a guy came in and sat next to me. He had a dirty shirt on and jeans and had a hot dog and half a Diet Pepsi with him. He was obviously just killing time. I don’t know if those people need to come any way. "People on the railings were being pushed from behind and some were very scared they were going to go over the railings. The faculty had trouble getting in the building. People were packed around the entrance and were sitting on the steps and floors. This year we’re so scared someone’s going to get hurt. We decided we needed to look into it.”

The Faculty Senate looked at the number of graduating students and decided 10 was a fair number of tickets for each student. However, the registrar’s office is very accommodating to students who need more.

“We request that if people are not using all 10, they turn them in to Bibb Graves, and they can be distributed to other people,” said Gregg.

There is a waiting list in the registrar’s office for students in need of more tickets, according to Kathy Cambron, Chairwoman of the Commencement Review Committee. At the end of the month, the list will be reviewed to determine who is in greatest need of tickets.

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Two JSU professors participate in exchange program with China’s Wuhan University

By Jamie M. Eubanks
JSU News Bureau

Two of Jacksonville State University’s professors recently traveled to Wuhan, China, to visit and lecture at one of the leading Chinese universities.

Wuhan University is located in the Province of Hubei in Central China. It is also near the Three Gorges Area. The Chang-Jiang River flows through the three gorges. This river will be dammed up in only a few years to provide much needed electricity for the area. However, the Three Gorges will be completely flooded and impassible for tourists.

Dr. Cole Benton, professor of biology at JSU, got to see this dam in its final stages. “The dam is comparable to TVA and the Hoover Dam.” He also got to see Mulan Lake, like in the Disney movie Mulan. Dr. Benton also visited the Shennong-jia Preservation. This is the best preserved temperate forest in China. By visiting, Benton was inspired to help research some of the plants and animals that call the forest their home.

Dr. Chi Chin Chao, associate professor of math and computer science at JSU, also experienced some of the sights. Dr. Chao was able to visit a historical monument from a revolution that started in 1911. The monument was dedicated on the spot where the first shot was fired to begin the revolution.

Despite the “tourism” of the trip, the favorite part for both professors was meeting with the students and faculty at Wuhan. Because Chao is of Chinese descent, he needed no translator. This case is not true for Dr. Benton. “The people were so kind,” commented Benton.

“Translators just popped up whenever I needed one, even in stores.”

Both professors stayed in the faculty dorms while in China. Most of
Announcements

- Free confidential HIV testing is available at the Nursing Center Clinic, at Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Please call 782-5432 to schedule an appointment. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

- Applications for Orientation Peer Counselor are available in Room 201 Bibb Graves Hall. Requirements to become a Peer Counselor are: 2.25 GPA, 24 semester hours earned, have previously served no more than one year as a Peer Counselor, a strong desire to assist new students in their transition to JSU, and strong communication skills. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 14 in Room 201 Bibb Graves Hall. For more information contact Eric McCulley at ext. 5278.

- The Student Health Center is currently administering flu vaccinations for JSU students and employees. The cost for the vaccination is $10. Appointments will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please call 782-5310 for an appointment.

- The English Department Lecture Series will host a reading titled "Weil Said, Old Mole: JSU English Faculty Writing Project Fellows Reading Original Selections" on November 13 at 7 p.m. in Room 1103-A. For more information call (256) 782-5456.

- The Zeta Tau Alpha 5K Run for Breast Cancer Awareness will be Saturday, November 11 at 11 a.m. at Hugh H. Merrill Hall on Highway 21 in Jacksonville. Trophies will be awarded 3 deep in male and female overall and 5-year age group categories. The entry fee is $10 on race day. Each entrant receives a t-shirt. For more information, call 1-800-MY-YAHOO ext. ROADRACING or e-mail coosavall-teryunning@usa.net

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**Announcements**
A new Queen is crowned!

By Stephanie Pendergrass
Staff Writer

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The Red Herring

JSU students fight, act insane and talk to skulls in new play

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

William Shakespeare's masterpiece Hamlet is set to open at Jacksonville State University's Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center on Nov. 16 and will run through Nov. 20.

JSU's production will crown the 400th anniversary of Hamlet's original London performance in the year 1600.

Hamlet has been noted as probably the most famous play ever written. It has also supposedly been quoted more than any other work of literature.

Dr. Wayne Claeren, the play's director, said, "People say to themselves that this is such a famous play, so there must be something important there. And of course when you look at it, it's there and you see it. If you're a director, you want to direct it. If you're an actor, you want to act one of the parts."

Although many JSU students have probably either read or seen Hamlet, Claeren advises that they take some time to come and see this production. "This is the kind of play that you like to see over and over again, because you always find something new in it," said Claeren.

The production's cast consists of many JSU drama mainstays, such as Fabio Pires starring as Hamlet, Jeremy West as Horatio, Shane Goodwin as King Claudius, Devon W. Bedoian as Queen Gertrude, and Casey Cox as Ophelia.

The casting choice of Fabio Pires as Hamlet adds an extra dimension of difficulty to the production. Pires is a native of San Paulo, Brazil, and his first language is Portuguese, therefore he experienced special language barriers upon rehearsing for this role.

"Translating is the hardest part, because I have to translate every word."

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Retail clothing followers and impressionable teens now have a new place of worship

By Quintard Morrison
Features Editor

Quintard Mall in Oxford has recently reopened with 31 added stores, which makes for promising shopping and job opportunities for Jacksonville State University students.

Among some of the new stores included are Dillard's, Gap, American Eagle, Victoria's Secret, Pacific Sunwear, Spencer's Gifts, Bath and Body Works, Gadzooks, Body Shop, Lorch's Jewelers, Footlocker, Lady Footlocker, Kay Bee Toys, Regis Hair Salon, Orient Max, Claire's Boutique, Electronics Boutique, Garfield's, Jewel Queen, Kay Jewelers, Kirkland's, Mastercut, Pretzel Time, Reed's Jewelers, Sam's Deli, Shibo, Shoe Department, Sneaky Pete's, Things Remembered, The Original Great American Cookie Company and an Amstar 12 Theater.

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Local Scene

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11/10/00 Cowboy Mouth--Roxy Theatre
11/10/00 David Grisman Quartet--Variety Playhouse
11/12/00 Levon Helm & the Barn Burners--Cotton Club
11/15/00 Ben Harper--Roxy Theatre
11/17/00 Virginwool--Roxy Theatre
11/17/00 Crazy Town & Orgy--Roxy Theatre

Birmingham

11/09/00 Souled Hat--Superior Grill
11/10/00 Jupiter Coyote--Zydeco
11/15/00 String Cheese Incident--Alabama Theatre
11/15/00 Joan Osborne--Zydeco
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11/18/00 Jill Sobule--Five Points Music Hall

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The Domino Kings-Life and 20
It's Thursday and the race has been won and a new man has been selected to lead our country into a new era. Better yet, this is the last editorial on the presidential race for me. Did you vote? Are you happy with your choice?

Personally, I think we were all a little confused by the candidates' strategies. As a result, our elections have become more about personality than policy. Might as well let all your skeletons out of your closets: Your boyfriends, yourgirlfriends, your ex-girlfriends, your ex-boyfriends, your parents, your siblings... Your skeletons out of their closets.

By Adam Smith
Editor

Crossword

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11. Depart
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10. Anwar of Egypt
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12. Con game
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14. Aperture for CDROM
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16. Mugger
17. King of Jujitsu
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20. Gore State
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31. Piggy comments
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Thank You,
The Editorial Staff
I have a journalistic dilemma, but I'm not much of a drunkster, so therefore, it's really not much of a dilemma in that respect. Yet it is a moral dilemma, and I strive to be a moral man, I don't want to rain anyone's life.

So what is my dilemma? Wednesday night, Nov. 1, during a kick-ass Thompson-Brothers performance at Brothers Bar, an elected official, and University and student representative, showed his/her drunkenness (due to legal matters, I have to clarify—appearing to be drunk to me), foolish ass. So do I tell you, University members, about how our leaders behave, or do I just keep my mouth shut, sweep it under the rug, and let this little school continue to sink into the cesspool of hypocrisy known as Jacksonville, Ala.?

I've slept on it, drunk on it, smoked it, and have finally decided to tell you about it. But due to questions surrounding certain legal matters that could get me and affiliates of The Chanticleer into deep do-do, I cannot refer to this person by name or even by his/her title, but I can say that it was an elected official (not a senator) of the Student Government Association at Jacksonville State University. From here on out I will refer to this person as “Cock” for Cockycock, and also as “it.”

So what exactly did Cock do?

Cock stumbled into Brothers Bar on Nov. 1, drunk (appearing drunk to me) off its ass. And it knew that I was there, because it walked right past me, among other heads of student media, and shoved Features Editor Christina Morrison on its way by.

Cock knows I got no love for it or its lackeys. In fact, Cock should have been on three times its best behavior because it probably saw three or me as it stumbled along.

Anyway, a certain chain of events unfolded, starting with a drunken (appearing drunk to me), immature student who decided to get on stage with the band. The band, and the audience, obviously did not appreciate his antics, but everyone handled it with class and humor. This is when Cock decided to grab its piece of the limelight.

After members of the audience removed the drunken (appearing drunk to me) student from the stage, Cock jumped on stage (I guess thinking the concert was one of its fame karaoke nights) to an immediate rash of boos from the audience who came to see The Thompson Brothers, and not Cock or the other

drunken (appearing drunk to me) student.

Cock responded to the crowd’s disapproval by saying, “Shut up! Run this show! This is my show! Shut up!” Not exactly how I want to be represented, how I want my University to be represented, nor what I want to see and hear from my elected student officials.

Cock, this was not your show. But you did have the chance to bring us a show, which, after all your hard work, could have been your show. Then you could have jumped on stage and said what you said, but I still wouldn't have recommended it.

If you would have just been drunk, fine. We’re all just college students. But when you’re an elected official, and you’re drunk, and you show your ass, disrespect your constituents and misrepresent your school, then I think you’ve crossed the line and should be held accountable and reprimanded for your actions.

I don’t think that this is the way our student leaders should be acting. I also realize that when I criticize our student leaders, the microscopic in turn focused on me. So what? Wait is my job? Who am I trying to be? Who are the people that I model my job after?

I want to be Jack Kerouac, who slowly liquified his liver with a daily dose of bourbon. The ex-advisor to The Chanticleer called Hunter S. Thompson my patron saint. Role models for journalists and aspiring writers are a band of drunk and drug addicts. So go right ahead, look at me. I’m right on track.

While Cock’s role models should be the likes of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Adams or two, maybe even Wallace, but definitely not Ted Kennedy.

If the SGA isn’t going to do anything great for the students, the least they should do is represent us, be on their best behavior, and represent our University with class.

I want the SGA to know that I’m tracking, and that I hold them to a certain set of standards that they are not meeting. I want anyone planning on running for office next year to know that I will still be here, and that I will still be watching. I want future SGA members to know that you don’t take the job just so you can put it on a resume. You take the job so you can represent and better your University while in office.

This is my resolution, for what it’s worth. I think the SGA should take it a little more seriously than their little BS resolution against the UDP—a police department that I, and the majority of students I’ve talked to, have absolutely no problem with.

And one more thing, Cock, if you ever attain an office in the future, have a similar track record as you do now, yet decide to pull a similar stunt to what you pulled at Brothers Bar on Nov. 1. I will guarantee that the next columnist who writes about you won’t be as lenient as I have been.

**Chock full of Real News**

- **KNOCK, KNOCK, WE’RE LOOKING FOR ... HEY, IT’S HIM!** Dexter Mathis, convicted of receiving the ill-gotten proceeds of a bank robbery and sentenced to 20 months in a federal prison in Atlanta, managed to convince Pierre Carlton to go to jail in his place. Carlton did Mathis’ time, but, with only 50 days left to go, he escaped. Authorities, unaware that Carlton was substituting for Mathis, went to Mathis’ home to see if any family members had heard from him. Mathis answered the door. He must now do the 20 months plus whatever he gets for fleeing to avoid incarceration.

- **AH, HOME SWEET HOME, WHAT THE ...?** A Sacramento sheriff’s deputy was sent to seize a home — in the posh gated community of Rancho Murieta — of a couple going through a divorce. He changed all the locks, and posted a sign that the house was now “the property of the United States government.” Alas, he seized the wrong house. The rightful owner discovered this sad fact when he went home and couldn’t get in. It took him seven hours to find out what the story was, find a locksmith and get inside his own house. He was very angry. The authorities have apologized profusely.

- **WE’RE PRETTY SURE IT WAS YOU, SONNY:** A young nitwit and some of his friends had a night of fun in a secluded neighborhood in Sacramento, Calif., swilling down brewskies and blasting mailboxes with his brand-new pump shotgun, then fleeing into the night. When police arrived, they found empty beer cans, spent shotgun shells and a receipt for the weapon bearing the nitwit’s name and address. The cops went to his home where they found a street sign — stolen from the crime scene by the vandals — hanging on his wall. He was arrested.

- **ATTACH, GET THE DUMMY, CHOMP!** Bill Jones was training his 65-pound Labrador retriever to rescue a drowning victim, tossing a dummy into a lake in Bossier City, La. After the animal retrieved the dummy a few times, an 8-foot alligator crawled out and ate the dog. City Council member David Jones was not surprised. “We don’t live in Kansas,” he said.

- **BIASED? WHY WOULD I BE BIASED?** A female juror in Sicily, hearing a case against the local Mafia, has been having a secret romance with another Mafia man who is on the run from police. She failed to mention this to officials who found out about it after the trial was well under way. Her boyfriend fled police custody after being sentenced to life plus eight years for murder and extortion. The 34-year-old woman says she is her “soulmate,” but she admits he has had “a few problems with the law.”

- **PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania —** On October 17, a pig flew on board a six-hour US Airways flight — sitting on the floor of the first row of first class. The airline is embarrassed and says it will never happen again. The pig’s traveling companions convinced the airline that the pig was a “therapeutic companion pet,” like a guide dog for the blind. According to an internal airline report, the animal got off-hand upon arrival in Seattle. It went running through the plane squawking and tried to get into the cockpit.

- **TACOMA, Wash. —** A 7-year-old boy practicing wrestling moves from TV did a flip from his bedroom dresser, missed the bed and bounced right out a second-story window. The boy landed on grass, suffering only cuts and bruises. “Sometimes it hurts to wrestle,” he said. “I’m not doing any more wrestling moves.”

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**THE PULSE**

- **“Do you plan on patronizing the Quintard Mall and why?”**

Charles Bryan Sophomore

- **“Yeah, of course. Because I’ve got enough stores so I don’t have to make too many trips.”**

Rickie Winn Graduate Student

- **“Yeah, because they have a Gap now.”**

Rod Brown Sophomore

- **“No, I don’t care too much for it, I guess.”**

Cathy Klentz Sophomore

- **“Yeah, probably because of the variety of stores.”**

Brandy Nix Senior
Perched in the attic of a downtown Chicago bungalow are the members of Pinetop Seven, hunched over tiny organs and bowed basses, pounding on marimbas and scrap iron and drowning in the buzz of clarinets and harmoniums.

Their is a world of sonic schizophrenia—they exist on a plane somewhere between spaghetti westerns and free jazz and primitive American music. Throw in a traveling carnival with Tom Waits as Barker and you may get the picture. But probably not.

Pinetop Seven’s warped vision of music is a house of mirrors, distorted and whimsical and frightening and elegant. There is a kind of awkward beauty to that chaos, and, on “Home the Last Great Strike,” they finally reach the heights that their albums have always hinted at.

Hue Pinetup Seven is stripped bare—only members Darren Richards and Ryan Hembrey remain—but sparker and more ornate than ever before. The absence of Charles Kim, who dominated their last efforts, is hardly felt: the funk still resides after layers of unusual and intriguing instruments via multiple-track tape machines (and still records exclusively). Guests show up randomly to contribute horns and reeds, but when Richards and Hembrey are left alone, they are most powerful.

The album opens with a cascade of big, atmospheric tunes; they move from the strangely beautiful falsettos of “On the Last Ride In” to the show, funeral “‘A Black Eye To Be Proud Of’ and the vaguely Mexican-flavored “Ten Thousand To Carlisle Came.” The evocative tides are merely glimpses of the surrealism that Pinetop Seven so perfectly captures. Darren Richards’ unhinged voice drifts through waves of violins and bugles, vibes and slide guitars, his lyrics cryptic but somehow capable of familiar emotion.

The second half of the album (and it is neatly divided by a brief, humming instrumental) is almost exclusively Richards and Hembrey, playing at times 11 instruments between them. These songs are fascinating and mysterious, yet are more accessible than previous albums. “Mission District” is a rickety acoustic piece that spills over a sawed cello and quivering organ swirls. “Amateur Night” finds its way into Tom Waits territory, marimbas and vibes blurring rhythmic tones into a fierce march. “A Friend to the Minnesota Stranger” is the album’s finest song—the two floor flutes and nylon string guitars into a brew made insanely propulsive by a raging rhythm. And, with another mournful instrumental (“Buried in St Cloud”) the album ends, langsing dunk over a dimly unsetting landscape.

Pinetop Seven, an orchestra of sound queens an junk-store instrument, has discovered that the avant-garde needn’t be deliberately bizarre or inaccessible. “Bringing Home the Last Great Strike” could come from nowhere but an attic, where dusty treasures go unnoticed and overlooked. Maddeningly original music.

By Graham Smith

What’s your sign?

By Linda C. Black

Tribune Media Services

Today’s Birthday (Nov. 9). Expect lots of action this year. Once you make up your mind, nothing will stop you. Do that first in November. And, his month, get what you want. The reward is coming around June, and it’s well-earned. Step out in July, and by October you will have impressed even yourself. To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - Communication with people who are far away should go well. The problem you dealt with recently could finally get solved. Travel looks good, especially if romance is involved. It’s also a good day to gather information.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Don’t talk much about what you’re doing, but go through your closets. Work’s involved, but something you’ve washed away could be worth more than you thought. Some of the rhinestones in that box of junk might real diamonds.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 3 - Is somebody nagging you to join a gym? If so, full speed ahead. An exercise program that involves a group is the best one for you to join. This won’t be easy, but just remember - no pain, no gain!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - An older person’s trying to talk to you into taking on more responsibility. More money doesn’t seem to be involved, so you’re resisting. Don’t settle for a deal that won’t be good for you. Being nice is OK, but don’t be a doormat.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Love works out well tonight, but you might feel a little bit of home, about how letting the other person be the aggressive one this time? You can be passive for a change. You might like it. Try something different.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You might find the perfect thing on sale. It might be slightly damaged, but there’s a huge savings. Don’t just check out a big ad; look on the bulletin boards at the grocery store, too.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 7 - You’re learning quickly now and making a good impression on somebody. The two of you may be quite different, but there’s a definite attraction. You may not have much money to spend on romance, but you have an active imagination. That’s better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - A rush order’s coming in. The money’s good. Ask for overtime or double-time pay. The customer’s desperate enough to pay what you’re worth. Stay calm.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Your unusual idea needs a little work but will succeed. Input from a person you admire helps you solve a technical problem. Set your romantic worries aside this weekend.

Your date isn’t as concerned about your imaginary shortcomings as you are.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Dig for buried treasure. That item you’ve been saving to fix up will be the perfect thing. It’ll take a little work, but that’s OK. When you sell it, it’ll be much better than anything else, for the purpose you have in mind. Make time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - A friend could teach you something that will boggle your brain. It’ll shake up reality as you know it. Get together with the person who’s most likely to do that. Talk about wild and crazy things and stretch your mind a little bit more.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Negotiate the cold, hard cash. Ask for payment for work already done, or something you’re considering doing. Travel or relocation may be necessary, but that’s OK. If this will get you closer to your dreams, go for it.
First place winners Alpha Phi Alpha stomped out the competition in Saturday’s Step Show. Delta Sigma Theta also took home first place honors in the female category.

By Adam Smith

Pete Mathews Coliseum was the scene Saturday night as nine Jacksonville State University sororities and fraternities competed in a Homecoming Step Show.

The event, sponsored by Multicultural Affairs, was deemed a success by David Zeigler, Director of Multicultural Affairs. Proceeds from the show went back into JSU, according to Zeigler.

Zeigler also said roughly 11 hundred students were on hand for the show, which got underway follow-

ed by a visitor who was a visitor at the Pete Mathews Coliseum. The mall, a visitor can observe many familiar JSU faces hand at work at their respective jobs.

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“Thank you for coming here so far. The people are very nice, even when it’s really busy. I think the mall improvements are a good thing for JSU because it keeps you from having to drive to Birmingham or Atlanta; there’s shopping just right down the road. I think it brings an added incentive for JSU students to stay in town rather than spend their money elsewhere.”

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“I thought it (the mall) was pretty good. I’ll be glad when they get the other stores put up. I really liked the movie theater. I went last Friday with a free ticket and it was awesome,” said senior Marsha Hanners.

Despite the many opportunities available for JSU students to part with their cash at Quintard Mall, students can also earn a few bucks by working at one of the many new stores. In just a single trip to the mall, a visitor can observe many familiar JSU faces hand at work at their respective jobs.

“Quite a few JSU students that I know are working here, including me and my fiancé,” said Casey Perras, an employee at Lorch’s Jewelers.

Bath and Body Works employee and JSU junior Eric Johnson said, “I really enjoy working here so far. The people are very nice, even when it’s really busy. I think the mall improvements are a good thing for JSU because it keeps you from having to drive to Birmingham or Atlanta; there’s shopping just right down the road. I think it brings an added incentive for JSU students to stay in town rather than spend their money elsewhere.”

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thing before I can start memorizing. That’s how I spend most of my free time recently,” said Pires.

The play has been interpreted several different ways since its original production. The current cast members have been exposed to these varying interpretations but must put those aside and focus on the current production.

“The play is very demanding on the actors. Fortunately, we have a very good, solid group of actors that...
"X-Files" changes don’t faze show’s creator

PASADENA, Calif. — The creator of "The X-Files" always likes to shake things up a bit. Chris Carter, who will be helming the sci-fi thriller for one more year on Fox, says he doesn’t mind that the show is changing.

"Everyone’s afraid of change. Everyone says, ‘That’s what made the show work, and that’s what’s great about the show.’ I think, really, Mulder and Scully are the reason. David (Duchovny) and Gillian (Anderson) are the reason for the show’s great success. But that doesn’t mean that you can’t threaten the paradigm, you can’t threaten the model, you can’t threaten the relationship."

The status quo will be imperiled as a new actor, Patrick, slips into the show, and as Duchovny eases out. Patrick, who’s probably best known as the morphing T-1000 in "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," plays an ex-Marine, ex-cop and FBI man. "Mulder had always been an outsider," says Carter, "the consummate outsider. We wanted somebody who was blue-collar, former cop, a man’s man, and Robert Patrick came in and blew us away."

Actually, Patrick auditioned for Carter two years ago, but wasn’t quite right for that particular role. But Carter kept him in mind when he was thinking about the new season that will see Duchovny in only 11 of the 20 shows.

Though Patrick starred in movies like "The Faculty," "Wayne’s World," "Striptease," it was his three-episode role on "The Sopranos" that really registered with Carter.

Patrick played the wimpy owner of a sporting goods store who landed in hot water with the mob when he joined a high-stakes poker game, against Tony Soprano’s advice.

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When the series ended last year, Scully was pregnant and Mulder had disappeared into a spaceship. Carter says when he wrote that segment he didn’t know if Duchovny would be back this season or not.

"So I had to write a sort of all-purpose season finale. And it was difficult, but it was a wonderful exercise, too. And it actually has set us up for a very interesting way to approach season eight. The entry of a new character, new blood, a new dramatic balance is actually going to be a really fun thing to play."

Patrick’s character is named John Doggett. Carter explains, "The name ‘Scully’ is actually an homage to (sports announcer) Vin Scully. And I thought long and hard about what I wanted to name this new character ... I really go back to my childhood for a lot of my names. I’ve had a lot of high school friends call me and thank me for making them dead people on ‘The X-Files.’"

"So I actually went back and thought about people I’d grown up with and names that I’d liked. . . all of a sudden it dawned on me that I was looking for a good, solid, working-class name. And the name Doggett came to me because every evening for a great part of the year, I would listen to the Dodgers with my mom and Jerry Doggett was always Vin Scully’s co-host on the Dodgers. And the name came to me and, at first, I thought it might be too cute and clever. But I liked the name."

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6. What red-nosed clown protects burgers and fries from evil influences?
7. What aging pop icon forgot the lyrics to “We Can Work It Out” on “MTV Unplugged?”
8. Who plays a paleontologist on “Friends?”
9. Who does Speedy Gonzales frustrate in the cartoon “Moby Duck?”
10. Who’s the Barber of Seville?
11. What continent has yielded the largest trove of meteorites?
12. Who’s the best selling saxophonist in history?

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The Gamecocks upset Northwestern State

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

The Gamecocks faced a four-game losing skid, including three defeats by a total of 13 points, and halted a three-year string of losses to Northwestern State University last Saturday. It was a Homecoming game to remember as the Gamecocks defeated the Northwestern State Demons 28-24.

JSU has an all-time record of 47-6-2 on Homecoming. They have now won three straight Homecoming games, with the last loss being to Nicholls State in 1997.

The story of the game was the performance of running back Randy Rogers. Rogers rushed for a career-high 224 yards and two touchdowns. He had the most rushing yards by a Gamecock since Boyce Callahan's 275-yard game against Florida A&M in 1970.

The Northwestern State defense hasn't allowed a 200-yard rusher in seven seasons.

“We wanted to upset them pretty bad,” said Rogers after the game. “I’ve been talking to (offensive coordinator) Coach Slater all week, and he asked us to play our heart out and just take it one play at a time.”

The Gamecocks jumped on the Demons early and took 14-0 advantage. Fullback Carlow James rushed 34 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Rogers had his first touchdown midway through the first quarter.

The Demons scored 14 straight points in the second quarter to tie the game at 14-14. Troy Sumlar scored the Demons' touchdowns, both from two yards out.

The Gamecocks responded with a 54-yard touchdown scamper by Rogers behind the strong blocking of the offensive line.

“I thought that we played physical today,” said offensive lineman Jeremy Sullivan. “That’s what we harped on all week long.”

The Demons cut the lead to 21-17 on the ensuing possession when kicker Clint Sanford hit a 27-yard field goal.

The Demons took their only lead of the game early in the third quarter when the ball slipped out of Reggie Stancil’s grip into the hands of linebacker Kurt Rodriguez.

Stancil shook off any kind of distraction from throwing an interception and put the Gamecocks back on top 28-24 with 9:31 remaining in the game.

Demon running back Jeremy Lofton raced 76 yards on the kickoff after Stancil’s go-ahead touchdown. But on 2nd-and-10 from the Gamecock 23-yard line, a holding call behind the line netted 14 negative yards and eventually forced the Demons to punt the ball.

Northwestern State came into the game the second least penalized team this season. They were hit with a season high of penalty totals of nine infractions for 84 yards.

“We battled and battled but we never took over the game,” said NSU head coach Steve Roberts. “They have been a team that had been on the brink of winning a lot games and unfortunately for us they got over the hump today.”

The Gamecocks had a chance to pull to a seven point lead, but kicker Brad Hopkins had a 24-yard field goal attempt blocked with 1:32 remaining in the game. The Gamecock defense rose to the occasion with 40 seconds left in the game by denying the Demons on fourth-and-one at the JSU 46.

“We just played hard, took care of the ball and had a decent kicking game,” said offensive lineman Jeremy Sullivan. “That's what we worked on this week.”

The football team will travel to Lafayette, Louisiana on Saturday to face Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns.

Randy Rogers earns SFL Player of the Week honors

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

For the third time this season, a Gamecock has been named the Southland Football League’s player of the week. This time it's Gamecock running back Randy Rogers who received the honors. Rogers is a product of Minor High School in Birmingham. He rushed for 224 yards on 29 carries and scored two touchdowns to lead Jacksonville State to an impressive 28-24 victory over No. 10 Northwestern State University last Saturday.

“We knew he’s been special for a while and I just hope this is something he can start to build on,” said head coach Jack Crowe.

Rogers became the third running back in 30 years to gain over 200 yards in a single game for the Gamecocks. The last player to compile over 200 yards in a game was Boyce Callahan, who ran for 224 yards in the 1970 Orange Bowl.

Bowden guarded on prospects at Alabama

By Jay Byrnes
Associated Press

Clemson coach Tommy Bowden called Alabama “one of the top jobs” in college football Monday, but he wouldn’t say whether he has offered the position or if he’s even interested.

Bowden has been frequently mentioned by fans and the media as a possible contender for the job at Alabama, where Mike DuBose was forced to resign last week. Alabama lost to LSU Saturday, guaranteeing a second losing season in four years.

Speaking to the Birmingham Quarterback Club, Bowden called Alabama “one of the top jobs in the country.”

“IT has tremendous resources and the ability to recruit,” said Bowden, a Birmingham native. But he would not comment on whether he had been offered the job or if he was interested in returning to the pressure cooker of life with the Crimson Tide.

Bowden said he was talking with Clemson about an extension of his four-year contract, but he declined further comment.

Bowden said Sunday that he could reach an agreement within “the next day or so,” ending speculation about the Alabama job.

“I believe we’d be fairly close to doing something here which would eliminate that,” Bowden said in Monday’s edition of The Birmingham News. “I’d say in the next day or so we’ll probably have something done here which makes it a moot point anyway. It’s just getting that done.”

Bowden’s contract is worth at least $825,000 annually, the newspaper reported. While Bowden was cagey about his own interest in Alabama, he said father Bobby Bowden of Florida State would have taken the Crimson Tide job in either 1986 or 1990, when Gene Stallings was hired to replace Curly.

“It was his dream job,” Bowden said.

Canvasman basketball team looking good

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

The Gamecock basketball season officially begins a week from tomorrow on Nov. 17. They will hit the road to take on the Alabama A&M Bulldogs. The team has looked really good in their first action of the year when they played against Team Georgia.

“We played pretty good in the first half,” said head coach Mike LaPlante. “We executed well and played pretty good defense. If it wasn’t for fouling and putting them on the foul line and giving up some inopportune second shots, I don’t think they would’ve scored 20 points.”

Senior center Brant Harriman spent the summer enhancing his game at the Pete Newell Big Man Camp. “The camp helped a little,” said Harriman. “I think that I was more dedicated and more focused in the off season.”

Harriman had a double-double as he scored 22 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. Five other players scored in double figures to lead the Gamecocks to a 90-74 win over Team Georgia in an exhibition game last Thursday.

Senior Jason Taylor tossed in 15, while Johnny Kilpatrick and exciting freshman Joshua Perry each finished with 13. Sophomore Josh Bryant finished with 10 points.

The Gamecocks opened the second half on a 12-2 run and led by as many as 29 points, 56-27, with 15:13 left in the game on a lay-up by Ben Moates.

Team Georgia cut the lead to 64-51 on a pair free throws by Kenny Smith, but could not get any closer. Team Georgia was led by John Nelson with 17 points.

The Gamecocks will play another exhibition game tonight against the Basketball Travelers in Pete Mathews Coliseum. The tip off is set for 7 p.m.
One on One with “Thrill”

Mike: As long as they let me have the job. People ask me that and I tell them that I’m very content doing this. As long as they’re happy with me, I’m happy.

Thrill: What did you want to do when you were younger? You just don’t grow up wanting to be the “Voice.”

Mike: I wanted to play, man. I played basketball, baseball, football when I was growing up. Unfortunately, I was not talented enough to play in college anywhere.

Thrill: What sport do you like to cover the most? You’ve got to have a favorite.

Mike: I don’t know if I’ve got a favorite one. It’s football season and I love it. When basketball season comes around, I will love it. Basketball is probably the easiest one to do. There is a continuous flow of action. Baseball, to me, is the toughest. Because you have so much time between pitches. I honestly don’t enjoy doing anything more than the other. Some aspects of them make them different.

Thrill: How about Randy Rogers? He’s turning out to be one of the great Gamecock running backs.

Mike: Coach Crowe kep saying that this guy is a playmaker. His first two years here, he was a fullback. The offensive line did a great job for him; he did some of it on his own by breaking tackles. It is the best individual showing of a running back since I’ve been here. Montressa had some great games throwing the football, but as far as running the football, that was the best.

Thrill: How long have you been doing play-by-play, Mike?

Mike: I started in Carrollton, doing high-school sports. Then they restructured the program at West Georgia college and I did it there. I started doing this in 1979, when I did a high school regional championship game. I ended up doing it over the phone. I will never forget that as long as I live.

Thrill: Why did you choose radio? I think you could’ve been successful on television as well.

Mike: I like to paint a picture for the people that listening on the radio. I just like being the eyes for the people at a game that they can’t get to. I’ve enjoyed doing television. It’s just a different animal. I try not to be emotional and I hope that my excitement gets people more in tune with what’s going on.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite coach or team from past years?

Mike: Man, you are putting me on the spot now. (Pause.) I was a little closer to Bill Burgess than any of the other coaches. I was with him for a year or two when he was in Oxford. The radio station that I worked for linked me up with him in high school games. I just like the way he handled people.

Thrill: Do you have a most memorable moment here at JSU?

Mike: Wow. I hate to just pick out one. I will go back to 1992. I still see Eric King knocking down the pass against Pittsburgh State. (The fourth down play that iced the game.) The basketball team in 1985. Melvin Allen’s 30 footer that won the game at the buzzer. Coming from seven down, to win the championship. That was before the three point basket. The 1991 NCAA national championship in baseball. Coach Abbott and the wonderful job that he’s down. Hopefully, I will be here for his 1,000 victory; that will definitely stand out with me. That is really astounding that anyone can win that many games.

Thrill: Tell me the funniest thing that you’ve experienced since you’ve been here.

Mike: Probably when we were at Georgia Southern in 1992. It was Ray Hammett’s first year as a color commentator and we had a ceiling fan that was pretty low. He jumped up one time and got hit with the ceiling fan. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: Who’s the greatest athlete that you’ve seen since you’ve been here at JSU?

Mike: Steve McNair. We played Alcorn State two years in a row back in 1992 and 93. He would literally run from one side of the field to the next. He would get away from our guys or we just couldn’t get him down. It does not surprise me on the success that he’s had in the NFL.

Thrill: Okay, let’s do a little free association. Mike Williams.

Mike: (Pause.) Probably glad that he’s out of a pressure situation.

Thrill: Rudy Abbott.

Mike: Rudy Abbott. Competitor that is not your typical coach.

Thrill: Joe Wiltmore.

Mike: (Laughs.) Good friend. Likes to keep up with weather too much. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: Chris Berman.

Mike: One of the best. I enjoy him a lot.

Thrill: Bill Meehan.

Mike: Class act, tremendous asset and a huge plus for the university.

Thrill: What advice would you give to students with the ambition of becoming a radio broadcaster?

Mike: Honestly, one of the best things that you could do is get a newspaper and a tape recorder and tape yourself reading it. You can also use a magazine. Or simply turn the volume down on a ballgame and do the play-by-play. That is the best way to learn; probably better than anybody could teach you in the classroom.

Thrill: Thank you for your time, Mike.

Mike: Any time, man.
Will the “REAL” Gamecocks please stand-up?

A Sports Editorial
By Anthony Hill

The entire season has really tasted spoiled for all of us Gamecock fans since the second quarter blocked punt by a Sam Houston State defender during the fourth game of the season. I can’t help but wonder what type of season the football team would’ve had if we simply won that game. They have been so close to beating teams and we finally got it done last Saturday against Northwestern State.

Okay, here’s the breakdown. We beat the former No. 1 team in SFL on our Homecoming and they beat Troy State this year. It comes down to which Gamecock team shows up on Nov. 18, two weeks from Saturday. We have come so close to beating teams and just haven’t finish them out. That was until the Homecoming victory over Northwestern State.

I know that a lot of people missed the game due to the rain or other circumstances. You not only missed a great win for the football team; you also missed the greatest rushing exhibition by a Gamecock running back in 30 years. The Gamecock offense also broke the school record for rushing attempts.

They piled up 332 yards rushing, including 224 on 29 carries by Rondy Rogers. The key to winning at home seems to fall into the hands of Rogers. The two home wins that we’ve gotten were in large part due to him having great games on the ground. Rogers is only the third running back in a long time to have a back play like the last back to do it. Thirty years is over and Rogers is only the third for rushing attempts.

Not to take anything from the superb running of Mr. Rogers, but the offensive line was knocking the Lumberjacks five to seven yards off of the ball to spring him loose. “I thought that we played a real physical game today,” said offensive lineman Jeremy Sullivan. “That’s what we harped on all week.”

The Gamecocks still have a shot at ending the season at .500 with victories over Louisiana Lafayette and Troy State. It all comes down to which players show up for the next two weeks. Sometimes it’s the offense and not the defense or vice versa. We all saw what the team is capable of doing. We finally finished off a good team.

I can’t help but to take my hat off after the performance of Reggie Stancil as well. You are probably wondering what I’m talking about. Yeah, I know that Rondy was the man of the night, but how can you not respect the poise of Stancil. He threw an interception in the closing seconds in the third quarter and kept his cool and drove the team down the field as if nothing happened. That is good to know that you have a quarterback that is not easily rattled. The entire situation was kind of weird to me, because it was just a year ago around the same time that he threw a pick for a touchdown ending the season at 4-7.

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